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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR JOINT COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER  
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

REF: A. TEHRAN 0510 B. STATE 012275

1. REFTELS, CONTAINING US AND IRAN PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA FOR 4-5 FEBRUARY MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CONTAIN MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN THRUST. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH DR. FEREIDUN NASSERI, IRAN'S DESIGNATED CO-CHAIRMAN, EMBASSY LABOR REPORTING OFFICER INFORMED THAT IRANIAN DELEGATION WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SOCIAL WELFARE MATTERS INCLUDING SOCIAL INSURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES, OR PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE WILL BE NO REPRESENTATIVE, TO NASSERI'S KNOWLEDGE, FROM IRANIAN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE ON IRAN'S DELEGATION. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TOPIC, QUITE APART FROM SOCIAL INSURANCE, IS PART OF GENERAL TOPIC OF POSSIBLE US ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP EMPLOYMENT SERVICE UNDER MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. NASSERI SUMMARIZED IRANIAN POSITION FOR 4-5 FEBRUARY MEETING AS EXPLORING THREE MAIN AREAS: VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF IRANIANS IN IRAN, TRAINING OF IRANIANS IN US, AND PROVISION OF US TECHNICAL SERVICES SUCH AS ADVICE TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

2. CONSIDERING FOREGOING, QUESTION WHETHER IT APPROPRIATE  
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FOR US CO-CHAIRMAN TO BE FROM HEW. FURTHER QUESTION WHETHER

HEW NEED BE REPRESENTED ON COMMITTEE AT ALL, GIVEN NASSERI'S CLARIFICATION OF IRANIAN POSITION AND PRIORITIES. ALTHOUGH NASSERI NOT SURE, HE BELIEVED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE US ASSISTANCE IN SOCIAL INSURANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, ETC. WOULD BE HANDLED IN ANOTHER COMMITTEE. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM IRANIAN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CURRENT IRANIAN RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY.

3. IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ALTERNATE TO HEW AS US CO-CHAIRMAN OF MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE SUGGEST IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAT US CO-CHAIRMAN BE NAMED FROM US DEPT OF LABOR. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND DEPT OF IRANIAN SENSITIVITIES RE PARITY OF RANKS OF CO-CHAIRMEN OF JOINT COMMISSION COMMITTEES. ANSARY HAS PREVIOUSLY AND POINTEDLY ALLUDED TO THIS QUESTION. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE, WITH UNDERSECRETARY NASSERI ALREADY NAMED AS IRAN CO-CHAIRMAN, BELIEVE IRANIANS WOULD CONSIDER IT LOGICAL THAT AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FACE HIM ACROSS THE TABLE.

4. MEETING SCHEDULED WITH NASSERI FOR 1000 HOURS 26 JANUARY TO COMPARE PROPOSED AGENDAS AND RECEIVE, IF KNOWN, NAMES AND TITLES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF IRANIAN DELEGATION. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON ABOVE BY 0900 26 JANUARY, PRIOR TO THIS APPOINTMENT.  
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